

TOPIC: Soviet Troop Trains

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REFERENCES

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1. Troop trains [redacted]
 between 13 July and 3 August 1952 included:
 From Neubukow and Kroepelin.

Number of Troop Trains

Receiving Station

1	Jueterbog
1	Fuerstewald
1	Willerholz
2	Boettow
2	Chemnitz
1	Neimar
1	Rueckmarsdorf
1	Fuerstenberg
1	Wittenberge
1	Rostock
2	Magdeburg
2	Kummersdorf
2	Kuestrin
1	Jacvenitz
1	Stendal
1	Burg
3	Eisenach
2	Berlin railroad district

To Neubukow and Kroepelin.

Number of Troop Trains

Dispatching Station

3	Rostock
1	Fuerstenberg
1	Schwerin
2	Wittenberge
1	Sporenberg
1	Bad Kleinen
1	Chemnitz
1	Cuestrow
1	Dranse
2	Magdeburg

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2. Other troop trains [redacted] between 13 July and 3 August included:

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Number of Troop Trains	From	To
2	Schwerin	Zahna
2	Parchim	Cottbus
2	Parchim	Damgarten
1	Parchim	Koethen
1	Parchim	Ellerholz
1	Hagenow	Magdeburg
1	Hagdenow	Berlin railroad district
1	Altengrabow	Wittstock
1	Wilmersdorf	Hagenow

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3. The following troop trains [redacted]

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between 23 July and 5 August:

Date	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
23 July	47 cars 59 cars	Gruenau	Anermuende Rostock
24 July	1 coach and 13 boxcars with Volks-polizei	Halle	Torgelow
26 July	undetermined	Dresden	Pinnow (3)
29 July	1 coach and 26 boxcars	Dresden	Ruednitz (3)
31 July	1 coach and 13 boxcars 16 SS-type flatcars and 2 boxcars	railroad district Dresden	Stralsund (3) toward Ruednitz
2 August	10 boxcars and 37 flatcars; shipment-record No 75509	Neustrelitz	Lueckenwalde
	11 boxcars and 42 flatcars;	"	[redacted] (4) 25X1
5 August	1 coach and 13 boxcars	Halle	Wrenzlan (5) 25X1
		railroad district	(3)

4. On 5 and 6 August, [redacted] 8 trains with Volkspolizei were unloaded at Ruegen on Ruegen Island. Each train consisted of 45 cars which were occupied by about 30 men each. The VP personnel were unarmed and appeared to be very young. [redacted] On 7 August, a train with Volkspolizei was observed en route to Ruegen Island. The train consisted of 25 cars which were occupied by 25 to 30 VP Kommissare each. (3)

5. On 8 and 9 August, tanks and AA guns were unloaded at Ueckermuende. [redacted] tanks and artillery pieces were concentrated in the area of the former ammunition plant and Norpenwalde. Local residents stated that farms in this area were to be evacuated. The troop concentrations allegedly extended as far as to the Oder River. [redacted] On 9 August, the unloading of a train of 10 flatcars was observed. About 14 AA guns of 70-mm to 80-mm were seen. Eight flatcars were loaded with canvas-covered devices which took up to the total length of each car. The escorting personnel wore red epaulets. (5) 25X1

6. The Lubmin-Latzow-Kroeslin-Freest area was blocked for through traffic. A local resident from Freest stated that new Soviet units had arrived there on about 11 August, and were bivouacking in the woods. (5) 25X1

7. [redacted] special trains totaling 100 cars were dispatching to Anermuende between 11 and 16 August. Cars to be made available on 16 August included 2 SS-type flatcars to Kummerdorf and Teltow; 3 SS-type flatcars to Justerberg/Line Lauen; and 5 flatcars of the same type to Firschmosen. (5) 25X1

8. Troop trains [redacted] between 2 and 16 August included:

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Date in August	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To	
2	50 cars with a troop unit, Falkenberg artillery pieces and trucks including [redacted]		Weisswasser	
3	60 cars with trucks 40 cars with troop unit Falkenberg	Frankfurt/Oder	Beimer [redacted]	25X1
4	and trucks 10 boxcars and 20 flatcars with a troop unit, equipment and trucks [redacted]	"	Cottbus	

3-2 9. Troop trains observed at the Eberswalde railroad station between 6 and 9 August included:

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Date in August	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To	
6	11 boxcars and 25 flatcars with a troop unit, trucks, [redacted]	Eberswalde	Lieberose	
	and rocket launchers, [redacted]			
8	7 boxcars and 5 flatcars with a troop unit and vehicles [redacted]	Eberswalde	Altengrabow [redacted]	(7) 25X1
9	11 boxcars and 25 flatcars with a troop unit and vehicles undetermined	Eberswalde	Eberswalde (8)	

- (1) The information in paragraph 1 concerning the transportation of units to and from the Rustrow AAA Range indicates the movements of AAA units between 13 July and 3 August 1952. Some data also confirm troop trains with AAA units which were previously reported by other source. In detail, the information is indicative of the movement of the following AAA units, some of which were identified on the basis of the dispatching or receiving station mentioned [redacted] 25X1

The number in the parenthesis indicates the number of troop trains observed.

Dispatching Station	Receiving Station	Unit	Remarks
Fuerstenberg (1)	Fuerstenberg (1)	undetermined	not identified 25X1
Sperenberg (1)	-	2nd Cds AAA Div	On 22 July 1952, however, two or three troop trains 25X1 left Sperenberg [redacted] 25X1
Chemnitz (1)	Chemnitz (2)	6th Cds AAA Div (US)	On 21 July 1952, a northbound troop train with a AAA unit of the 10th Armd through [redacted]
Bautzen (1)	-	10th Armd Div	[redacted]
Magdeburg (2)	Haldenburg (2)	3d Cds AAA Div	On 19 July 1952, a troop 25X1 division of this division was unloaded at Haldenburg. 25X1
Eberswalde (3)	Eberswalde (3)	6th Cds AAA Div (US)	In about 1952, the troop trains went from Eberswalde to Langensalza [redacted] 25X1

Weimar (1)	Weimar (1)	13th AAA Div	Not identified	25X1
Jueterbog (1)	Jueterbog (1)	14th Gds Mecz Div	On 14 July 1952, a troop train went from Leubukow to Jueterbog.	[redacted]
Ellerholz (1)	Undetermined	31st AAA Div	Possibly not an AAA unit On 16 and 17 July 1952, two troop trains went to Cottzow.	25X1
Rueckmarsdorf (1)	13th AAA Div	Not identified	[redacted]	
Kummersdorf (2)	2 Gds AAA Div or 62nd AAA Div (US)	On 22 July 1952, two troop trains went from Nustraw to Kummersdorf.	25X1	
Kuestrin	32nd AAA Div (US)	On 23 and 25 July 1952, two troop trains went from Nastrow to Kietz.	25X1	
Jaevenitz (1)	Probably an AAA unit of the Third Shock Army	Not identified	[redacted]	25X1
Stendal	Probably an AAA unit of the 297th Vtz Rifle Div	Not identified	[redacted]	
Burg (1)	Probably elements of the AAA regiment of the LXIX Vtz Rifle Corps	Not identified	25X1	
Eisenach (1)	Probably the AAA regiment of the XXIX Gds Vtz Rifle Corps	On 29 July and 2 August 1952, one troop train with an AAA unit was un- loaded at Eisenach.	25X1	[redacted]

The troop trains with Nostock, Mittenberge, Schwerin, Bad Kleinen and Cuestrow as dispatching or receiving stations could not be identified. The trains probably only passed through these stations.

(2) The two troop trains from Schwerin to Zahna near Littenberg probably carried units of the IX Vtz Rifle Corps to the Finsterwalde-Mittenberg area where they participated in the command-post exercise in late July 1952.

The troop trains from Parchim were probably loaded with airforce units, especially as the fighter regiment stationed at Parchim airfield was not observed in the beginning of July 1952. The units had not returned in early August 1952. It is unusual that these trains left in different directions. However, it has been reported that an unidentified airforce unit was unloaded at Cottbus on 1 August 1952. It is thus believed that the recently evacuated Cottbus airfield may have possibly been re-occupied. Another source stated that the radio direction finder formerly located at Parchim airfield has been put in operation at Koethen airfield. It is assumed that the changes at Cottbus and Koethen are connected with the aforementioned troop trains from Parchim. The two trains from Hagenow and the ones from Altengrabow and Kummersdorf cannot be identified.

(3) A total of 14 trains with Volkspolizei has been observed between 22 July and 14 August 1952. They came from various areas in Eastern Germany and went to eastern Neisseburg and Ruegen Island.

The only receiving stations previously identified were the Finnow VPD where about 1,200 men were detrained and Eggesin and Frenzlau where about 400 men were detrained. [redacted] a combined VP unit had been activated instead of an AAA school at Finnow.

The observations in paragraph b of the present report indicate that a large number of the VP trains went to Ruegen Island. The number of Volkspolizei seems highly exaggerated, and, according to the composition of the other trains observed, it is believed that this figure does not exceed 6,000 to 8,000 men.

Men were to be concentrated in the Prora area where tent sites for about 3,000 men had already been made available. JP recruits at Ruegen Island may be concentrated either to occupy a central training camp, the location of which will make it difficult to desert to the west or to the cadre division at Prora up to full strength. Another reason may be that a large field exercise is to take place.

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- (4) The two troop trains carried components of the 9th Cds Tank Div [redacted] 25X1
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- (5) Concentration of Soviet troops in the Uckermuende area, east of Beckermuende and in the area west of the northwestern tip of Usedom Island are reported for the first time. There also are no indications that troops or material have been dispatched there. The statements [redacted] paragraph 5 are primarily based upon conversations with local residents. It is possible that some Soviet troops contingents are assigned to guard duty at the restricted zone on the Baltic Sea coast. [redacted]
- 25X1 (6) [redacted]
- 25X1 The troop train of 4 August 1952 mentioned in paragraph 3 of the present report probably hauled an airforce unit, possibly from Marchim airfield, to Cottbus airfield. [redacted] Comment 2.
- 25X1 (7) This troop train carried elements of the 312th Cds ML Regt. and was previously reported [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1 (8) [redacted] one of the five troop trains which carried units of the Fourth Cds Tcz Army and returned to Uberswalde from the Aschersleben, Dessau and Talle railroad stations between 3 and 10 August 1952. [redacted] 25X1

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